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ACROSS

- 1 Live basically with dysfunctional group ignoring pressure to strike (5,2)
- 5 Think about set repaired for essential viewing (4-3)
- 9 Dressmaker's finishing obvious in restitching of lacy material (5)
- 10 Secret service, especially one on time (9)
- 11 Moved kid looked at end of verse (8)
- 12 Uranium and boron found in organic material is encouraging (6)
- 14 Hallucination is nonsense largely (4)
- 15 Handle party or bash the wrong way (8)
- 18 Wrong calculation is checked initially entering horse (8)
- 19 Protein molecule is part of oestrogen essentially (4)
- 22 A free person, relatively speaking (6)
- 23 Standard number of shots fired with weapon in a manner of speaking (8)
- 25 Mixed up "the dole" with "supplied assistance" (6,3)
- 26 Shake hands and agree, losing a little time (5)
- 27 Unscrupulous practitioner is ignored by sister after fling (7)
- 28 Gifted university fellow finished a course and died (7)

DOWN

- 1 Transfer associate holding company up (8)
- 2 Sort of induction concerning friend without qualifications (15)
- 3 Hard consumer could be warmer (6)
- 4 Harassed mentor sued great (10)
- 5 Move around slowly and aimlessly in vehicle mostly (4)
- 6 Plodder talked about mountain-climbing gear? (8)
- 7 Strong team event transformed regional authority (5,10)
- 8 A war lost by veteran was changing engagements (6)
- 13 Called about worker ultimately bound by a legal obligation (10)
- 16 Chance I'd taken, in a manner of speaking (8)
- 17 Soldiers, with time in action, cracked (8)
- 20 Helium kept in large-scale pounds (6)
- 21 Amount of wine and spirit put into baked dish (6)
- 24 Tart, a starter, possibly, not finished right (4)